

a card interface for reading from the card memory of one of the portable of cards;

a first processing unit that executes a first program in a first memory to correlate second signals with first signals,

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a signal path [third signal-path] between a peripheral device and the first processing unit,

that executes a second program in a second memory, to correlate second signals with third signals from the card memory of one of the plurality of card, wherein the first processing unit determines a total amount due by receiving a fourth signal from the second processing unit.

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32. (Amended) The system of claim 29 wherein the signal path [third signal-path] carries product identification information.

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43. (Amended) A method for a system including a plurality of portable cards each having a card memory for storing product discount information, and a store with a plurality of products, the method comprising:

generating first signals corresponding to product pricing;

generating second signals identifying products selected for purchase;